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1. On 12 November 1953, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne, Rathenow, was occupied as previously by about 1,200 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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On 4 November, 2 x 300-mm rocket launchers were observed in the north section of the installation. On 7 and 11 November, 5 to 6 trucks, each occupied by 12 soldiers, left the installation toward Semlin. The troops were armed with carbines and equipped with field spades.

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2. On 12 November, the Pionier Kaserne was occupied not to capacity by about 450 troops as previously. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia.

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Sedan [redacted] left the installation on 12 November.

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3. On 12 November, the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied as previously by 1,200 to 1,300 troops. Sentries seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 9 and 10 November, about 25 troops received instruction on 2 x 160-mm mortars. After 10 November, individual trucks occupied by troops daily left the installation toward Semlin. Some of the troops were armed with carbines and carried signal equipment.

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[redacted] Comment. Although the strength estimates [redacted] do not check with all of the figures previously given [redacted] it can be assumed that no changes occurred in the distribution of troops in Rathenow prior to mid-November.

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